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A photograph of three firefighters in full protective gear, including helmets and jackets with reflective stripes. They are kneeling on a wet asphalt surface, holding a blue fire hose. In the background, a fire truck and a building are visible under a clear blue sky. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting daytime.

Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office 2018–2019 Calendar



Dear Tennessee Resident,

On behalf of our team at the Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance and the State Fire Marshal's Office, I'm proud to offer you this 18-month educational fire safety calendar.

As the daughter of a firefighter, I know that fire safety starts at home. I hope you will display this calendar in a prominent place in your home or workspace and remind yourself of the fire safety tips inside. They could make all the difference during an emergency.

Though we have much more work ahead, our efforts at making Tennessee safer are paying off. Working with our partners and volunteers across the Volunteer State, our "Get Alarmed, Tennessee!" smoke alarm distribution program has saved at least 150 lives. Meanwhile, new firefighters are being trained at the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy where they're using modern equipment and receiving first-rate instruction to combat fire.

In closing, I hope the safety tips and photos in this calendar will inspire you to help make Tennessee safer.

Sincerely,

Julie Mix McPeak

Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance



Tennessee Fire Service Day, February, 2017

Consumer Resources

The State Fire Marshal's Office is committed to protecting the safety of Tennesseans and their property. Our staff is here to assist you all year long. Contact us using the section information below or by visiting tn.gov/fire.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Processes 20 types of licenses, permits, and certificates, including those for fireworks, LP Gas, explosives, fire sprinkler systems, and fire extinguishers; administers the Code Inspector Certification Program.

Phone: 615-741-2981

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Coordinates statewide fire prevention and fire safety outreach efforts; administers the "Get Alarmed" smoke alarm program; compiles and analyzes state fire incident data; manages the Tennessee Fire Incident Reporting System and the Fire Department Recognition program.

Phone: 615-350-6443

CODES ENFORCEMENT

Enforces statewide fire and building codes and standards in specific occupancies; conducts plans reviews and inspections of new buildings and annual inspections for schools, daycares, and other buildings requiring an inspection from the State Fire Marshal's Office to receive a license; inspects codes-related complaints, including those involving blasting, fireworks, and LP Gas facilities.

Phone: 615-741-7190

FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

Responds to statewide fire incidents that are destructive to buildings and other properties, as well as those that result in fatalities; works closely with local jurisdictions to determine cause, origin, and circumstances of fire; answers the state's 24-hour Arson Hotline, a phone line dedicated to receiving information about suspicious and incendiary fires.

Phone: 615-741-3030

Tennessee Arson Hotline: 1-800-762-3017

MANUFACTURED HOUSING & MODULAR BUILDINGS

Monitors, enforces, oversees, and performs inspections as related to construction and installations standards throughout the state; performs licensing for manufacturers, retailers, and installers; issues compliance labels and installation decals; monitors and enforces federal standards and state law and takes appropriate action for violators.

Phone: 615-741-7192

RESIDENTIAL/ELECTRICAL/MARINA INSPECTIONS

Responsible for both the electrical inspection program and the residential building code enforcement program; issues permits and performs inspections to enforce the provisions of Tennessee's adopted electrical code, residential building code, and energy conservation code.

Phone: 615-741-7170

FIRE SERVICE & CODES ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

Plans, develops, delivers, and facilitates education and training that promotes professionalism and competency of fire service and codes enforcement personnel through a standardized statewide program.

Phone: 931-294-4111

FIREFIGHTING COMMISSION

Administers the Firefighter Certification Program as a credentialing system for the fire service profession; administers the Educational Incentive Pay Program for career firefighters who complete required in-service training annually.

Phone: 931-294-4140



Stay Warm, Stay Safe

Heating is one of the primary known causes of fires during the cold months (December, January, and February) in Tennessee. From 2011-2014, heating was responsible for 7% of all structure fires and 11% of all structure fire deaths.

- Keep children and pets away when you have a fire burning in the stove, as the outer surfaces of the stove and flue pipe are very hot.
- Never make a larger fire than your stove can handle.
- If you have a wood stove, always make sure there is enough clearance between the stove and combustible materials, including floors, walls and ceilings.
- Never extend the stove pipe through a wall or ceiling. Don't connect the wood stove to a fireplace chimney unless the fireplace has been sealed off.

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| 31 | 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY <i>State Offices Closed</i> | 2 <i>State Offices Closed</i> | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 <i>Legislative session begins today.</i> | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY <i>State Offices Closed</i> | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
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A dramatic photograph of firefighters silhouetted against a massive, intense fire. The firefighters are in the foreground, their dark forms contrasting sharply with the bright orange and yellow flames. One firefighter on the right is holding a hose, and another is spraying water towards the fire. The fire is a large, towering wall of flame, with thick smoke rising from it. The scene is set at night, with the fire providing the primary light source. The overall mood is one of urgency and danger.

Burn Awareness and Prevention

A scald injury can happen at any age. Children, older adults, and people with disabilities are especially at risk. Hot liquids from bath water, hot coffee, and even microwaved soup can cause devastating injuries. Scald burns are the second leading cause of all burn injuries. National Burn Awareness Week is observed the first full week in February.

- Not all burns are caused by fires. Be careful around hot liquids like bath water, coffee and microwaved soup.
- Always have a “kid-free zone” of at least 3 feet around stoves/areas where hot food/drink is prepared or carried.
- Electricity can cause burns when a plugged-in appliance comes into contact with water, the power supply is not shut down before making home repairs, or if a child bites on electrical cords.

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| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 <i>February is Black History Month</i> | 2 | 3 |
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| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 VALENTINE'S DAY | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 PRESIDENT'S DAY <i>State Offices Closed</i> | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
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A woman with brown hair, wearing a blue t-shirt with the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office logo, is smiling and carrying three stacked cardboard boxes of Kidde smoke alarms. The boxes are labeled "Kidde Smoke Alarms", "UN2911", and "6 PACK". They also feature a "CAUTION" label with symbols for fire, explosion, and toxic gases, and text that reads "Kidde Model Battery DO NOT LOAD OR TRANSPORT PACKAGE IF DAMAGED For more information, call 825-863-8011". In the background, other people and vehicles are visible, suggesting an outdoor event or distribution site.

Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries

The State Fire Marshal's Office wants all Tennesseans to have working smoke alarms in their homes. When you change your clocks one hour ahead in the spring on March 11, also change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

- Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.
- For smoke alarms that don't have nonreplaceable (long-life) batteries, replace batteries at least once a year. If the alarm chirps, replace only the battery.

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| 11 SPRING FORWARD! <i>Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour and change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors!</i> | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 GOOD FRIDAY <i>State Offices Closed</i> | 31 |

Wildfire Safety Awareness

Outdoor burning is common in Tennessee, particularly in the spring time. Home owners often burn debris and brush on their property during the spring, which can lead to an increase in uncontrolled burns and wildfires. Wildfires result in enormous losses of natural resources, personal property, and even lives. Fire can be an effective tool when used properly. Even so, the best intentions can produce disastrous results when safety precautions are not taken.

- Check with your local fire department or municipality for any restrictions before starting an open-air, recreational, or outdoor cooking fire. Obtain proper permits, if required.
- Closely supervise all outdoor fires. Make sure the fire is completely extinguished before leaving.
- Permitted open fires, such as bonfires or trash fires, need to be at least 50 feet from anything that can burn.



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| 15 | 16 | 17 TAX DAY | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
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Three firefighters are standing outdoors in front of a yellow fire truck. The firefighter on the left is wearing a red shirt and a grey hood. The firefighter in the middle is wearing a grey shirt and a grey hood. The firefighter on the right is wearing a dark blue shirt and a grey hood. All three are wearing full firefighting gear, including helmets and harnesses. The fire truck in the background has the letters 'm SC' on its side.

Gearing Up For Summer Safety

May is an important month for fire safety in Tennessee and sets the stage for a summer of safety! It is National Building Safety Month, National Electric Safety Month and National Arson Awareness Week (May 6-12). Be fire-safe in May and remember:

- Homes and buildings that are built in compliance with building safety codes result in resilient structures that minimize the risks of death, injury, and property damage.
- Fire sprinklers can control, and may even extinguish, a fire in less time than it would take a fire department to arrive on the scene.
- Report all arson. To report a suspected arson, call the Tennessee Arson Hotline at 1-800-762-3017. The Arson Hot Line is a phone line dedicated to receiving information about suspicious and incendiary fires. It is answered 24 hours a day and you may remain anonymous when providing information.

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| 6 NATIONAL ARSON AWARENESS WEEK BEGINS | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 MOTHER'S DAY | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 MEMORIAL DAY <i>State Offices Closed</i> | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 |

A group of firefighters in full protective gear, including helmets, jackets, and air tanks, are working in a field. One firefighter in the foreground is using a shovel to dig in the dirt. Another firefighter is standing nearby, and a third is partially visible on the left. In the background, a man in a white shirt and blue pants is also working. The scene is outdoors, with a body of water in the foreground and a grassy field in the background. A utility pole is visible in the distance.

Fire Safety and the Great Outdoors

Whether you're on the water, camping or grilling in the woods or spending time celebrating with friends and family, the State Fire Marshal's Office urges Tennesseans to remember to make fire safety a priority this June. Incorporate these safety tips wherever your June takes you.

- Never swim near a boat, marina, or launching ramp. Electrical current could put you at risk of electric shock drowning (ESD).
- Propane, charcoal, and wood pellet barbecue grills must only be used outdoors. Indoor use can kill occupants by causing a fire or carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Before setting up your campfire, check with your local fire department to make sure it's allowed.
- Do not use flammable fluids such as gasoline, alcohol, diesel fuel, kerosene, and charcoal lighter fluid to light or relight fires.

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| 17 FATHER'S DAY | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
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Youth Fire Safety

The child fire death rate spikes during July in Tennessee. The State Fire Marshal's Office urges parents to teach children the importance of fire safety at an early age to prevent the devastation that can result from unsupervised fires. Children need to understand that fire is fast, difficult to control, and can hurt as soon as it touches you.

- Leave fireworks to the professionals. Never allow children to handle or ignite fireworks – this includes sparklers.
- Supervise young children closely. Do not leave them alone, even for short periods of time.
- Keep matches and lighters in a locked drawer or cabinet, high out of the reach of children.
- Three simple words may save lives during a fire: "Close the door!" A closed door can reduce fire growth and spread, limit damage to your home, and possibly save lives.

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY <i>State Offices Closed</i> | 5 | 6 | 7 |
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Eliminate Hazards in the Home

Knowing what to do in the event of a fire is particularly important for older adults. At age 65, people are twice as likely to be killed or injured by fires compared to the population at large and our numbers are growing every year. In the United States and Canada, adults age 65 and older make up about 12 percent of the population. It's essential to take the necessary steps to stay safe.

- Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires in America. Many older adults also experience burn-related injuries during cooking. Prevent fires and burns by being watchful and alert when you cook.
- Conduct your own, or participate in, regular fire drills to make sure you know what to do in the event of a home fire.
- Make sure that you are able to open all doors and windows in your home. Locks and pins should open easily from inside.

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| 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 ELECTION DAY <i>Federal and State Primary Election, County General Election</i> | 3 | 4 |
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A black and white photograph showing the silhouettes of several firefighters in full protective gear, including helmets and masks. They are positioned in a room filled with thick smoke, looking towards a bright light source, likely an open door or window, in the background. The scene conveys a sense of urgency and the hazardous conditions of firefighting.

Fall Fire Safety

With the change of seasons, Tennesseans should remember to keep fire safety a constant in their lives. Heating equipment is the leading cause of home fire deaths nationally and the second leading known cause in Tennessee. Whether at home, work or play, these fire safety tips can make a life or death difference every day. Remember these tips:

- Make a home escape plan. Draw a map of each level of the home. Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible.
- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from heating equipment.
- Never smoke and never allow anyone to smoke where medical oxygen is used.
- Carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas that can be fatal. Install and maintain CO alarms inside homes, campers and RVs to provide early warning of carbon monoxide.

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| 2 | 3 LABOR DAY <i>State Offices Closed</i> | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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| 16 | 17 | 18 TENNESSEE CARBON MONOXIDE AWARENESS DAY | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
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Close the Door

Did you know that a simple door is one of the best pieces of firefighting equipment? A closed door hinders flames and smoke from spreading to other rooms and can help deprive a fire of the oxygen it needs to grow, limiting structural damage and potentially saving lives. Remember:

- Close the bedroom door when sleeping if possible.
- Close doors behind you when escaping a room/building that's on fire.
- Keep fire doors closed. Never wedge, disable, or prop open fire doors in apartments or other buildings.

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| 7 NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK BEGINS | 8 COLUMBUS DAY | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
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| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 HALLOWEEN | 1 | 2 | 3 |

A photograph of firefighters in full protective gear, including helmets and oxygen tanks, using a high-pressure water hose to spray water onto a large, dark, rectangular object. The scene is outdoors, and the water spray is prominent in the foreground. One firefighter's helmet has the word 'PROBATIONARY' written on it. The background shows other firefighters and a grassy area.

A Fire-Safe Thanksgiving

On Thanksgiving Day, many families customarily spend the holiday inside their home or the home of a friend or family member with the family dinner being the highlight of the day. Because of this holiday custom, Thanksgiving is the leading day for home fires involving cooking equipment, with three times the average number.

- Turkey fryers pose fire and burn hazards. It is recommended that consumers utilize oil-free models or seek commercial professionals to prepare this fried entrée.
- If you must fry your holiday bird, place the fryer on a level surface, and avoid moving it once it's in use.
- Make sure the turkey is thawed and dry before cooking. Ice or water that mixes into the hot oil can cause flare-ups.

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| 4 FALL BACK! <i>Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour and change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors!</i> | 5 | 6 ELECTION DAY <i>Federal and State General Elections</i> | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 VETERANS DAY | 12 <i>State Offices Closed</i> | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 THANKSGIVING DAY <i>State Offices Closed</i> | 23 <i>State Offices Closed</i> | 24 |
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Holiday Fire Safety

Each year, fires occurring during the holiday season claim the lives of over 400 people, injure 1,650 more, and cause over \$990 million in damage, according to the U.S. Fire Administration. By following some of the outlined precautionary tips, individuals can greatly reduce their chances of becoming a holiday fire casualty.

- If you choose a live tree, select one with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.
- Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Make sure your Christmas tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Get rid of the tree when it begins dropping needles; dried-out trees are a fire danger.

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| 23 | 24 CHRISTMAS EVE <i>State Offices Closed</i> | 25 CHRISTMAS DAY <i>State Offices Closed</i> | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE <i>State Offices Closed</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |



Essential Tips for Electrical Fire Safety

Flipping a light switch. Charging a cell phone. These are second nature for most of us. While electricity makes our lives easier, it can also pose hazards if not properly monitored and maintained. Utilize these basic safety tips to help prevent electrical fires in the home:

- Have all electrical work done by a qualified electrician and routinely check appliances and their wiring. Replace worn or damaged cords immediately. Do not try to repair them.
- Buy only appliances that bear the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Plug major appliances (refrigerators, dryers, etc.) directly into a wall outlet. Extension cords should not be used to power major appliances.
- Replace any electrical appliance or tool if it causes even small electrical shocks, overheats, shorts out, or gives off smoke or sparks.

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| 20 | 21 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY <i>State Offices Closed</i> | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
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Candle with Care

Candles are a popular piece of home décor, but they are also a major concern with fire service professionals and other safety organizations. When used improperly, candles have caused loss of life, injury, and significant property damage. The State Fire Marshal's Office offers the following tips to keep Tennesseans safe from candle fires:

- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles.
- Place candles in sturdy holders and keep them well away from anything that can burn.
- Never leave a burning candle unattended. Extinguish them when leaving a room/the home or going to bed. Avoid using candles in bedrooms and sleeping areas.
- Never use a candle where medical oxygen is being used.

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| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 VALENTINE'S DAY | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 PRESIDENT'S DAY <i>State Offices Closed</i> | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
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Prevent Kitchen Fires

Cooking is the leading cause of home fires here in Tennessee and nationwide. The majority of cooking fires stem from unattended cooking. Two of every five home fires begin in the kitchen—more than any other place in the home.

- Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires. Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, or broiling food.
- If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Keep kids safe! Have a 3-foot child-free zone around hot food and drink.
- In case of an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the oven door closed.

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| 10 SPRING FORWARD! <i>Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour and change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors!</i> | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
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A low-angle shot of a white fire truck ladder extended against a clear blue sky. A firefighter is visible at the top of the ladder. A sign on the side of the ladder reads "TENNESSEE FIRE SERVICE & CODES ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY" in red and blue lettering.

Use Portable Fire Extinguishers Properly

A portable fire extinguisher can be a helpful piece of safety equipment when it comes to putting out a small fire, but extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the number one priority for residents during a fire incident is to get outside quickly and safely. Use a fire extinguisher only if:

- The fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing and the room is not filled with smoke.
- Everyone is exiting the building and someone has called or is calling 911.
- You have a means of escape identified, and the fire is not between you and the escape route.
- You have the proper extinguisher for the fire. For the home, consider a multi-purpose extinguisher labeled 'A-B-C.'

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| 14 | 15 TAX DAY | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 GOOD FRIDAY <i>State Offices Closed</i> | 20 |
| 21 EASTER SUNDAY | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
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A dramatic scene of firefighters silhouetted against a massive fire. The firefighters are wearing full protective gear, including helmets and oxygen tanks. They are holding a fire hose that extends across the foreground. The fire is intense, with bright orange and yellow flames reaching high into the air. The scene is set at night, with the fire providing the primary light source.

Plan and Practice a Home Fire Escape Plan

For many parents, the summer months mean children are at home with teenage siblings or babysitters. Care must be taken to both prevent and prepare for fire emergencies. Plan and practice a home fire escape plan with everyone in your home:

- Draw a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of every room. Designate an outside meeting place where everyone should gather in an emergency.
- Ensure everyone in the home knows the sound the alarm makes and what it signifies.
- Ensure everyone in the household can unlock and open all doors, windows, and security bars.
- Practice your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home. Practice using different ways out.

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Tips for Safe Summer Grilling

While summer is the perfect time to gather with family and friends for a BBQ, the State Fire Marshal's Office warns that it is also the peak season for outdoor grilling fires. Tennessee cooks can make fire safety a priority by utilizing these basic tips when starting up the grill this summer:

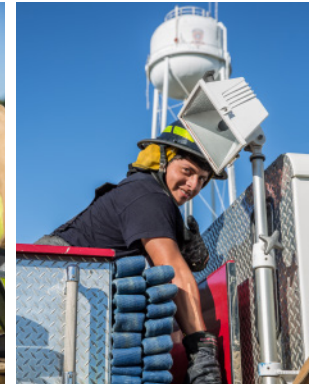
- A grill should be placed well away from the home and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Avoid using grills on balconies.
- Never leave a grill unattended and always supervise children when a grill is in use.
- If using a charcoal grill, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.
- If using a propane grill, always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

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